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May 4, 2007

Mr. Fred Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

The Committee is conducting an investigation into why President Bush and other senior Administration officials cited forged evidence, which purported to show that Iraq sought uranium from Niger, in building a case for war against Iraq.

To assist the Committee in its investigation, I request that you provide all documents in the possession or control of the White House, whether classified or unclassified, relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa. These documents should include:

1. All documents and communications between the CIA and the Executive Office of the President, including the National Security Council, the Office of the Vice President, and the White House Iraq Group (collectively, "EOP"), relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa, including two memos sent to former National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice or her deputy, Stephen Hadley, on October 5 and 6, 2002;
2. All documents and communications between the National Intelligence Council and the EOP relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa, including a National Intelligence Council communication reportedly sent in January 2003;
3. All documents and communications between the State Department and the EOP relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa;
4. All communications between State Department official Simon Dodge and Intelligence Community officials relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium in Africa, including e-mails sent in January 2003;
5. The September 2003 joint report of the Department of State and CIA Inspectors General on the Alleged Iraqi Attempts to Procure Uranium from Niger;

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6. All documents and communications between the Defense Department and the EOP relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa; and
7. All internal EOP documents and communications relating to the claim that Iraq sought uranium from Africa, including: (a) all documents and communications relating to the portion of the 2003 State of the Union Address that stated that "Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa"; and (b) all documents or communications relating to the portion of former National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's January 23, 2003, op-ed in the *New York Times* entitled "Why We Know Iraq is Lying" that concerned the issue of Iraq seeking uranium in Africa.

I ask that you provide these documents to the Committee by Friday, May 18, 2007. You should provide all responsive documents in the possession or control of the White House, regardless of whether other offices or agencies may have generated original versions of these documents. I am also sending similar document requests to several federal agencies.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Committee's request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or David Rapallo or Theodore Chuang of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member